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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

City Government Offices Close July 4

City government offices will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. For information, call 703-273-1776.

The General District Court will close July 4; call 703-385-7866.

There will be no regular CUE Bus service July 4; call 703-385-7859.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4. For information, call 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim will be closed July 4. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected July 4; regular Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on July 3. For information, call 703-385-7837.

World Cup Fan Fest Set for July 13

Watch the final game of the 2014 World Cup live on a giant television screen in Old Town Fairfax July 13. Festivities begin at 2 pm with music and family activities. Bring your own seating. For information, call 703-273-6097.



Traffic will be detoured in Old Town during this event; call 703-385-7924.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Mayor and City Council 2014-16



Mayor
R. Scott Silverthorne



Michael J. DeMarco



Jeffrey C. Greenfield



Nancy F. Loftus



David L. Meyer



Janice B. Miller



Eleanor D. Schmidt

Celebrate Independence Day With the City of Fairfax July 4

Join in the fun, excitement and hometown tradition of Independence Day in the City of Fairfax. Among the festivities planned July 4 are a parade, firefighter games, history exhibits and tours, and an evening show featuring live music and fireworks.

Parade — The 48th annual Independence Day Parade steps off at 10 a.m. at Route 123 at the Massey Building driveway, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, and loops through Old Town Fairfax. This year, the parade theme is "Family, Freedom, Fairfax."

Among the features of this year's parade are eight high school marching bands from as far west as California, as well as the city's own Marching Rebels from Fairfax High School. Other parade participants include horses, clowns and large inflatable parade balloons.

Leading the parade will be Uncle Sam, the permanent grand marshal who is a symbol of the best ideals of the United States.

The parade will be shown live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station; see



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Independence Day Activities

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page 5. Also, the parade will be available on the city website to view and download — or watch the parade program on the city's YouTube channel. Copies of the televised program will be available for purchase and loan; see page 5 or call 703-385-7855.

Fireman's Day — Watch the region's fire companies compete using firefighting techniques and equipment at the Old Fashioned Fireman's Day beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Historic Open Houses — Several historic properties will be open to the public July 4, including the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street (open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street (open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Evening Show, Fireworks — The Evening Show at 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School features a children's entertainment area, fireworks and music by the City of Fairfax Band and Leggz (favorite hits from Motown to classic rock and roll to 70's and 80's).

Parking, Shuttle Buses — Parade shuttle bus service runs 8:30-10:30 a.m. and after the parade ends until 1:30 p.m. from George Mason University, Woodson High School and Fairfax United Methodist Church.

For the evening show, shuttle buses will run 6-9 p.m. from Woodson High School and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks.

Handicapped parking is available at Fairfax High School for the evening show.

For information about handicapped parking, call 703-385-7858.

Rain date — The rain date for fireworks only is July 5. In this case, shuttle buses will run from 7-9 p.m. from Woodson High School for fireworks only and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks. Old Lee Highway road closures also will be in effect from about 9:15-11 p.m. after the fireworks.

Sponsors, Information — Sponsors include 97.1 WASH-FM and Fair City Mall. Download a copy of the program from the city's website. For information visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

Independence Day Highlights July 4, 2014

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.....Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Open House, 10209 Main Street

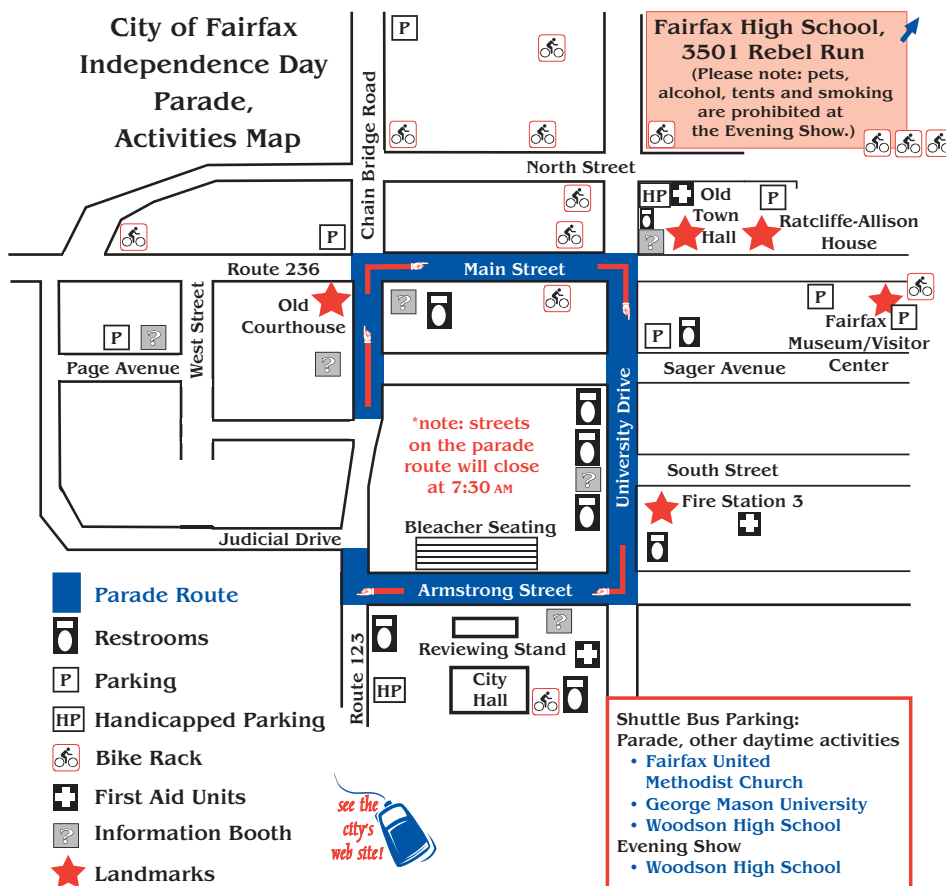
10 a.m. to noon48th annual Independence Day Parade (*rain or shine*)
No tents are permitted along the parade route

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.....Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 10386 Main Street

12:30-4 p.m.....Old Fashioned Fireman's Day at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive

7-10:30 p.m.....Evening show at Fairfax High School stadium, 3501 Rebel Run

9:30 pm.....Fireworks display (*rain date for fireworks only: July 5*)



Traffic Detoured July 4 for Celebrations

Detours will be in effect July 4 for Independence Day activities. For information, call 703-385-7975.

Independence Day Parade — Vehicles and pedestrians traveling on Route 236/Main Street will be detoured to North Street from 7:30 a.m. until after the parade concludes (around noon).

Also at that time, affected portions of University Drive, George Mason Boulevard and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road traffic will be rerouted and parking will be restricted on those roads.

Fireman's Day — University Drive will close from Sager Avenue to Armstrong Street from about noon to 4 p.m. for the Old Fashioned Fireman's Day at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Evening Show — To allow spectators to exit from Fairfax High School after the evening show, no through-traffic will be permitted from about 9:15 p.m. to about 11 p.m. on Old Lee Highway.

If the fireworks are postponed to July 5, the Old Lee Highway detours will be in effect at that time.

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Meeting Set for July 1

The City of Fairfax's zoning ordinance rewrite project is advancing to its next step: the preparation of the actual revisions to the zoning ordinance.

The first draft module of the zoning ordinance has been prepared. This section covers development review and procedures. The draft document is posted on the Zoning Fairfax Web page (www.zoningfairfax.com).

Community members are invited to attend the upcoming meeting of Zoning Rewrite Advisory Committee to listen in on the committee's discussion. The committee will meet at 6 p.m. July 1 at

the City Hall Annex. The committee will review and comment on the first draft module of the ordinance rewrite.

The community is encouraged to post comments on the draft or send messages to the project team through Zoning Fairfax.

The City of Fairfax's zoning ordinance rewrite project launched in December 2013 with working sessions to help identify areas for improvement in the city's land use regulations and procedures, and continued with a public workshop in March. For information, call 703-385-7930.



Red Light Camera Installed on Main Street; Warnings Sent Through July 11

The City of Fairfax has installed a photo red light enforcement camera monitoring westbound Route 236/Main Street at Pickett Road. Drivers will see a sign near the intersection announcing the presence of cameras.

Warnings will be sent through July 11, and enforcement of red light violations will begin on July 12.

The City of Fairfax has conducted photo red light enforcement since 2011 at Fairfax Circle and at the intersection of University Drive and North Street; traffic signs are placed next to the intersections.

Multiple cameras monitor traffic

at these intersections. Multiple people, including city police officers, review evidence before citations are issued.

When a citation is issued, the vehicle's registered owner is mailed a notice of violation and a secure PIN number to access the violation citation online. The fine associated with the violation may be pre-paid on the website — or the citation may be challenged in city traffic court. Registered owners who were not driving the vehicle when the violation is recorded and cited may sign a sworn affidavit to nullify the citation.

For information, call 703-385-7966.

Construction Begins in Old Town Fairfax; Take a Living Souvenir From Pozer Garden

The signs are there — and now the dirt will start to fly in Old Town Fairfax with the construction of Old Town Square, a multi-functional plaza adjacent to Old Town Hall. For information, call 703-385-7810.

The community is invited to take a bit of history from Kitty Pozer Garden: remaining small plants as living souvenirs through July 6. *Please, do not remove trees or shrubs.* Please fill in any holes created from plant removal and dig only as deep as needed to remove that plants. Dig at your own risk: the area will close for construction July 7.

Further change will occur in Old

Town Fairfax as the summer progresses, including the closing of the North Street/University Drive parking lot.

During construction, ample parking remains available in Old Town Fairfax, such as in the Old Town Village parking garage (accessible from University Drive and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road) and the newly repaved parking lot at Route 236/Main Street and East Street.

The Old Town Square project includes brick pedestrian walkways, a two-tiered plaza as well as an interactive water feature, a cascading water feature, expansion of the Kitty Pozer Garden, a memorial garden and more.



Share the Road With Refuse/Recycling Crews

City crews work as quickly and efficiently as possible to collect refuse and recycling from residential areas.

From time to time, that may entail drivers or pedestrians stopping for city workers or their equipment in the road or on walkways. Please be patient and wait until it's safe to continue driving or walking.

When It's Not a 'Miss'

Multiple crews and vehicles and various equipment run on routes to collect materials from the curb.

Workers rarely "miss" materials properly placed at the curb or in properly marked containers. Trucks depart a route for a number of reasons, but return to finish the job. However, if materials remain at the curb after 1:30 pm on collection day, call 703-385-7837 (and leave a message if needed).

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Check out these flyers available from the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Final Budget Available On City Website, in Print

The adopted budget for fiscal year 2014-15 is available July 1 for download on the city's website.

Additionally, a limited number of copies are available in Room 312 in City Hall or by calling 703-385-7870.

The document also will be available for review in the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room, 10360 North Street.

Sign Regulation Public Hearing Set for July 8

The City Council is scheduled to consider a potential zoning amendment regarding sign regulations at its July 8 meeting in the City Hall Annex.

Although the city is in the process of rewriting the zoning ordinance, including the section on signs, the city is considering a few relatively minor changes that may be implemented quickly, and would address issues that can have an immediate positive impact on city businesses.

The amendments being proposed include letter height for signs in the Old Town District; and relaxing restrictions on content of temporary business signs (banners), particularly "Coming Soon" and general promotion signs. These changes are considered beneficial enough to warrant a separate amendment process in order to get the changes implemented as soon as possible, rather than waiting for the full ordinance rewrite.

The City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the matter at its July 8 meeting. The related staff report will be posted on the city website before the meeting. For information, call 703-385- 7930.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes Through 2014

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then a decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old and improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. Homeowners must arrange to have the City Assessor inspect the property *before any construction begins*, and then obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

This program will end December 31, 2014. For information, call 703-385-7840.

City Roads Under Construction for Repair, Improvement

Drivers and pedestrians alike will discover a number of ongoing and new construction projects that will be shaping the city for years to come. Inclement weather may affect the schedule, which is subject to change. For information, call 703-385-7810.

Sign up for road closure and traffic information from Fairfax City Alert — visit the city website for information.

- **Route 123/Chain Bridge Road Bridge** — Construction to replace the aging bridge over Accotink Creek on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road at Kenmore Drive should continue through autumn. During this time, northbound

Chain Bridge Road drivers are detoured and sidewalks in work zones are closed; follow signage. Southbound traffic is not detoured unless required for safety reasons, but lanes will shift in the work zone.

- **Fairfax Boulevard** — Through August, road crews will mill and replace asphalt and rebuild the bridge on Route 50/Fairfax Boulevard from Rebel Run to Fairfax Circle (both eastbound and westbound). Roadwork will be done in stages; up to two lanes may be closed in both directions during scheduled work:
 - Weekday nights: 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
 - Weekend nights: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**Learn about crime and drug prevention on
National Night Out August 5, when public safety
providers visit participating neighborhoods
with fire trucks, police motorcycles and more.**

Information:

703-273-2889, PolicePIO@fairfaxva.gov.



Subscribe to Fairfax City Alert for Emergency E-Messages

Stay apprised of activities, services and emergencies in the City of Fairfax by receiving electronic message from Fairfax City Alert — enroll on the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/FairfaxCityAlert.

Fairfax City Alert, which replaces eMAS (the city's previous message system), provides multiple options for receiving messages, including text, e-mail and telephone. The new service provider, Everbridge, also offers mobile applications for Android and iOS systems and additional features for users.

Subscribers may choose to subscribe

to any of the categories offered by the city, covering city services and emergencies. Personal subscriber information is secure and will not be shared.

Current eMAS subscribers must subscribe to Fairfax City Alert to continue receiving messages or to manage their alert preferences, if they wish to continue receiving alerts. *Please note: eMAS service will end October 1*, but Fairfax City Alert subscribers will continue to receive uninterrupted service.

For information, e-mail CityAlert@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7855.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Architectural Review** (one vacancy for city resident)
- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one vacancy for position with fire protection experience)
- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for alternate position)
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for city resident)
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident)
- **Economic Development Authority** (one vacancy for city resident)
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident)
- **Fairfax County Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city representative)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



JULY

CITYSCREEN-12 SCHEDULE

Swearing-In Ceremony

The 2014 Swearing-In Ceremony for the offices of Mayor, City Council and School Board will be shown at 10 am, 4 pm and 7 pm July 1-3.

2014 Independence Day Parade

Live coverage of the parade begins at 10 am July 4. Through July, the parade replays at 2 pm daily, and at 10 am and 7 pm on July 5, July 6, July 16, July 18-20 and July 30.

The program also will be archived online under "special programming" and will be available on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, July 7, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 8, 10 am
Thursday, July 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, July 21, 7 pm
Tuesday, July 22, 10 am
Thursday, July 24, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 8

Planning**Commission Meetings**

Monday, July 14, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 15, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, July 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 15

Monday, July 28, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 29, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, July 31, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 29

City Council Meeting, Work Session

Tuesday, July 8, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, July 9, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, July 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, July 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, July 13, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 9

Tuesday, July 22, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, July 23, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, July 25, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, July 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, July 27, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 23
OnDEMAND replay begins July 27

The Fairfax Scene

Through July, enjoy an encore presentation of the popular Fairfax feature, *The Road to Happiness*. In July, *The Fairfax Scene* will play at 2 pm July 1-3 and 6 pm daily.

The Fairfax Scene is archived online under "special programming" and available on the city's YouTube channel.

Watch Cityscreen-12, Special Programs Online

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience. On the city's website, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and archived for later viewing.

Visit the city's YouTube channel to watch Cityscreen-12 programs online.

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

**Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council****School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)***July 7 regular meeting*

- Annual School Board organization.
- Introduction and report of Student Representative.
- Presentation of a resolution to Janice Miller.
- Update of capital and administrative accounts.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)*July 14 regular meeting*

- Consideration of an application to approve the subdivision at 3675 Old Lee Highway.

July 28 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)*July 8 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of the School Use Agreement between the City of Fairfax and the School Board.
- Public hearing on a zoning text amendment to amend City Code pertaining to signage regulations.
- Discussions: on the Novus Fairfax Gateway development project at 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard, and 11160 Lee Highway; with Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation; of City Council goals.

July 22 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration: of a task order to Woolpert, Inc. for the preliminary design of Fairfax Boulevard and Oak Street stormwater improvements; of an award of contract for fiscal year 2014-15 concrete repairs; of an award of contract for fiscal year 2014-15 brick repairs; of an award of contract for fiscal year 2014-15 milling and paving; of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign fiscal year 2014-15 Department of Rail and Public Transportation Agreements.
- Discussion of the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

May 13, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of ordinances authorizing "Quick-Take" Condemnation (in conjunction with the Kamp Washington Road Improvement Project) of easements and rights of way at 11001-11003 Lee Highway, 11011 Lee Highway, 11040-11062 Lee Highway, 11010 Fairfax Boulevard, 10937 Fairfax Boulevard, 10925-10927 Fairfax Boulevard, 10900 Main Street and 10890 Main Street.
- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$200,000 to complete the funding for the reconstruction of Route 50/Fairfax Boulevard from Rebel Run to Fairfax Circle; of an ordinance City Code to provide for the elimination by January 1, 2015, of the partial real property tax exemption for certain rehabilitated, renovated or replacement residential structures; consideration of a task order to URS for stormwater compliance and general civil design consultant services for the engineering services for flood mitigation preliminary plans for the Foxcroft Colony Condominiums and Mosby Woods Condominiums; of a resolution to initiate a zoning text amendment amending City Code pertaining to storm drainage facilities.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to home child care facility standards.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing a license agreement (renewal) with Breckinridge Lane Homeowners Association, Inc., to use and maintain a portion of the public right of way.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, an award of contract to FieldTurfUSA, Inc. up to \$659,777.04 for the replacement of Fairfax High School synthetic turf.
- Approved, unanimously, an award of contract to F.H. Paschen Tectonics Corporation in an estimated amount of \$4,049,638 for the Old Town Square project, pedestrian barrier on the property located at 3971 Chain Bridge Road (The Auld Shebeen) and the repaving of the former Amoco parking lot at Route 236/ Main Street and East Street.
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to authorize the city manager to submit a letter of endorsement for the city's 2015 application for the Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program.

May 27, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a resolution to elect and certify the City's Virginia Retirement System employer retirement contribution rate for the 2015-2016 biennium; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$1,018,640 for fiscal year 2013-14 nondiscretionary expenditures; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to the supplemental retirement plan for general employees and public safety employees; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$292,722 for FY 2013-2014 federal and state grant expenditures; Introduction of appropriation resolutions for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, Old Town, and Transportation Tax Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014; Introduction of a Supplemental Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$1,284,247 for the transfer of surplus Water Fund monies to the Transportation Tax Fund to fully fund the Commercial and Industrial Tax at its equivalent maximum rate.
- Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "Quick-Take" Condemnation of a public street dedication (right of way), permanent utility easement, permanent joint use utility easement, and temporary construction easement at 10996-11002 Fairfax Boulevard and 10955 Fairfax Boulevard and 10911-10927 Main Street. (In conjunction with the Kamp Washington Road Improvement Project.)

Public hearings

- Approved, 5-1, for the Fairfax Circle project: to allow multifamily residential uses in the Highway Corridor Overlay District; to allow a use and development located in the Highway Corridor Overlay District that generates estimated average daily traffic volume of 700+ trips per day; to allow a grocery store with a floor area greater than 5,000 square feet in the C-2 Retail Commercial District; to adopt a resolution contained within the staff report, which includes 23 special exceptions; and for a Subdivision Ordinance Variance to allow private accessways to be less than required by City Code. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, Meyer, and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Schmidt.)*
- Approved, unanimously, a special use permit to allow expansion of a governmental use (temporary classroom trailers) in the R-2 Residential District.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount

of \$200,000 to complete the funding for the reconstruction of Route 50/Fairfax Boulevard from Rebel Run to Fairfax Circle.

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code to eliminate by January 1, 2015 the partial real property tax exemption for certain rehabilitated, renovated or replacement residential structures, and the repeal of language pertaining the partial real property tax exemption for certain substantially rehabilitated commercial structures.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing "Quick-Take" Condemnation of rights of way and easements at 11011 Lee Highway, 10937 Fairfax Boulevard, 10925-10927 Fairfax Boulevard, 10890 Main Street, 10900 Main Street, and 11040-11062 Lee Highway, 11001-11003 Lee Highway. (In conjunction with the Kamp Washington Road Improvement Project.)

Comments by City Council

- Councilmember Meyer stated that Patricia McDermott, a resident of Mosby Woods, recently passed away. On behalf of the Council, Councilman Meyer extended their condolences to her family.

In Case of Emergency...

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

Fairfax City Alert

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours








Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		1 Zoning Ordinance rewrite workshop committee meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex Board of Zoning Appeals Advisory Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	2 George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board meeting, 4 pm, City Hall Annex Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	3 Thursday and Friday trash and recyclables are collected Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Independence Day  Trash and recyclables are not collected <i>Independence Day Activities — see page 1</i> Independence Day Parade, 10 am, LIVE City government offices closed; General District Court closed; no CUE Bus service; Blenheim closed	5 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
6 Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	7  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	8  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	9 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	10 Fairfax Art League opening reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall Alte Kameraden, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater	11 <i>Summer in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza</i> Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	12 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street) Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House
13  Farmers' Market Second Sunday Series: <i>Costumes and Textiles from 1812</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center World Cup Fan Fest, 2 pm, Old Town Fairfax (traffic detours will be in effect: call 703-385-7924)	14  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	15 Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	16 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	17 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex <i>Children's Concert</i> , 7:30 pm, Veterans Amphitheater	18 <i>Summer in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza</i> Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	19 Document shredding event, 8 am to noon, Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street) Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
20 Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	21 Find out first! Find out fast! Sign up for Fairfax City Alert, the city's electronic message system: www.fairfaxva.gov/FairfaxCityAlert	22  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	23 Didn't watch the Independence Day Parade live? Don't worry: you can watch replays on Cityscreen-12, or view the archived video on the city website and YouTube!	24 Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Main Street Community Band, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater	25 <i>Rock the Block! TGIFriday featuring Gonzo's Nose, 6 pm, Old Town Fairfax</i> <i>Summer in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza</i> Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	26 Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Hell is being Republican in Virginia, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
27 Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	28  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	29 Check out the Leisure Times for information on city recreation classes, park facilities and more!	30 Get involved: volunteer for a board or commission. Find out more on page 4, or visit the city website.	31 City of Fairfax Band, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater	Take the CUE Bus to wherever you're going in and around the city — visit the city website for a schedule, map and more.	Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Summer in the City Concerts Continue Through August

Spend a summer evening listening to music under the twilight sky in Fairfax during *Summer Nights in the City: Movie and Music*.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. For information, call 703-352-ARTS.

Concerts will be held at 8 p.m. Thursdays July 10-31 in the Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall. The annual Children's Concert is scheduled for 7:30 pm July 17.

Concerts will be held at 7 p.m. July 11 through August 29 on Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road (at North Street).

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues July 11; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *Planes* for free at 7 p.m. July 11 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items. For a list of recommended items, check out the city website calendar entry

for the event.

Guided Walking History Tours Offered July 12, 26

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tours step off at 11 a.m. from the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, on July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23 and September 13. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for youth age 6-12 or \$15 per family. Reservations are recommended; call 703-385-8414.

History Programs Scheduled July 13, 26

Learn about *Costumes and Textiles from 1812* at 2 p.m. July 13 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Discover why *Hell is being Republican in Virginia: The Post-War Relationship between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant* at 2 p.m. July 26 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. Information: 703-591-0560.

Rock the Block! TGIFridays With Free Concerts in Old Town

Enjoy free concerts and block parties held on University Drive in Old Town Fairfax. Parties are from 6-9 p.m. on

the fourth Fridays of the month in July, August and September. Rock the Block! features popular local bands playing covers of favorite hits, beginning July 25 with Gonzo's Nose.

Along with live music, enjoy city restaurants and merchants, beer garden, games and more. Please, do not B.Y.O.B. — but *do* bring a chair.

Traveling Exhibit on German Caricaturists Extended Through July

The Civil War Seen through the Eyes of German-American Caricaturists Thomas Nast and Adalbert Volck, a traveling exhibition from the German-American Heritage Museum, is extended through July 31 at Historic Blenheim (open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday). This exhibit features the work of a *Harper's Weekly* illustrator and a Southern sympathizer/caricaturist/Confederate spy.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Offered Saturdays

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence, the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October. For information, call 703-385-8414.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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